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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 6/23/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

A restriction was effected by the Office on 7/12/2003 and on 9/9/2003 applicant elected claims 65-71 directed to a stent. The current claims have been amended to change the preamble from a "stent apparatus" to "a method for stenting". The scope of the amendment is not commensurate with the elected invention on 9/9/2003.

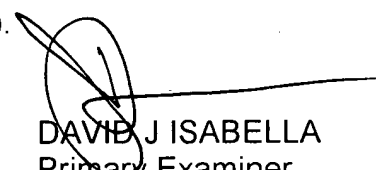
See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID J. ISABELLA whose telephone number is 703-308-3060. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CORRINE MCDERMOTT can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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